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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2003, please consider the following. No extensions of time are believed to be due for consideration of this paper. As discussed further below, a terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith, and the Commissioner is respectfully requested to charge the fee due for consideration of the terminal disclaimer to Deposit Account 23-3030. If any extensions of time are deemed necessary or any additional fees deemed due, please grant such extensions and charge any such additional fees to Deposit Account 23-3030, but not to include issue fees.

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